



## **News from the City of Greenville**

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## **GREENVILLE NAMED TREE CITY USA 2002**

Greenville, SC...The City of Greenville has been named a *Tree City USA* by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the ***twenty-first consecutive year*** Greenville has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDFA Forest Service.

To become a *Tree City USA*, a community must demonstrate their commitment to urban forestry through the following:

1. A tree board or department,
2. A tree care ordinance,
3. A comprehensive community forestry program,
4. An Arbor Day observance.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest."

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our towns and cities, and provide

many environmental and economical benefits,” Rosenow added. “A community that recognizes these benefits and provides needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.”

City Parks and Recreation Director Paul Ellis said the Greenville community has been committed to the tree program for many years. He explained, “The City of Greenville and its citizens have a long history of commitment to quality urban forestry. Over the last twenty years over \$200,000 has been donated to the Greenville Tree Foundation and the City has planted thousands of trees in our parks, cemeteries and along City streets.

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